(viii) Guard personnel equipped with sophisticated weaponry and communication facilities to foil attacks of terrorists.

Action plan for development of naxalite affected districts

3487. DR. AKHILESH DAS : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to State :

(a) whether Special Action Plans for speedy development of the naxalite affected districts of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra and other States have been taken up;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof, indicating their respective costs; and the progress made in implementation thereof; and

(c) the special central funding so far sought therefor and response of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) to (c) Integrated Action Plans, encompassing development as well as security aspects in the affected areas, were received from Andhra Pradesh (Rs. 1299.17 crores), Bihar (Rs. 1862.72 crores) Chhattisgarh (Rs. 1435.13 crores), Madhya Pradesh (Rs. 615 crores) Maharashtra (Rs. 838 crores) and Orissa (Rs. 268.84 crores) and were forwarded to the Planning Commission for earmarking separate funds for the purpose. The Planning Commission raised certain issues regarding institutional measures to make administration responsible and strengthen delivery mechanism through greater involvement of the people. The concerned State Governments were advised accordingly.

Besides, the Ministry has requested the Planning Commission to include 53 affected districts in LWE States under the Scheme of Backward Districts Initiative (BDI) so as to fill in the critical gaps in physical and social in frastructure in these districts.

Setting up of Disaster Management Authority

3488. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to State :

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a Disaster Management Authority comprising of hand picked personnel from Security Forces and train them to takle crisis situation;